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The Nova Scotia Remainders Gamble.

BY A. M MUIRHEAD.

What a world of controversy this matter has evoked. In almost every stamp paper on the continent has it been referred to. But all though the dispute Mr. Donald A. King of this city and Mr. Bartlett of Prince Edward Island have kept a sphynx like silence, except to make a denial of certain assertions made. In the first number of this paper, appeared an article dealing with the matter. Immediately on its appearance it was reprinted and commented on by other journals, until Mr. King came out, and in a few words, denied collectively each and every sentence in it In number two of this Magazine we challenged Mr. King to back up his denial by a statement of the facts, but so far Mr. King has not declared himself. The writer of the article in question, Mr. Van Malder, now wishes to declare that he is now ready to stand by every statement in his article, with the single exception that he is now convinced that the money was paid to the Provincial, not to the Dominion authorities- Have the gentlemen of the Syndicate anything to say?

Premier Murray, in a speech delivered last month before the House of Assembly at Halifax, touches on the matter of the Nova Scotia remainders, referring to same as very fortunate to the revenues of Province. He stated, however, *that the terms of sale were that the Government would not divulge the quantities of stamps discovered.* This is popular government.

The remainders are now being hawked aronnd the country at all prices, but a great decline is noticed over the prices asked before the matter had became ventilated. Some day a big drop will take place, and people will take to papering walls with the stuff.

In the Nova Scotia House of Assembly, Dr McKay, leader of the opposition asked the government:

1. Whether the old issue of postage stamps ior which the province received the sum of $18,000 was sold by tender or by private sale?

2. Were said postage stamps sold to a syndicate or company?

3. Were well known philatelists communicated with in connection with the disposal of said stamps?

4. What was the total number of stamps sold, and the denomination of the various stamps?

5. Are there any remaining unsold?

Hon. Mr. Murray said that the sale of the stamps referred to was brought about as the result of correspondence with large dealers in London, New York and Nova Scotia. He was not in a position at this moment to say whether the stamps were sold to a syndicate or company, but while he no doubt that more than one individual was interested in the matter he thought that the sale was made to one person. He was not in a position to answer the question as to whether well known philatelists were communicated with in in connection with the disposal of the stamps.

In reply to the question as to the total number of stamps sold, all he had to say was that he was not in a position to give the house any information on that point. He had in his possession a communication addressed to him by the retiring provincial secretary in which the circumstances attending the sale was brought to his notice, and it was said that it was distinctly understood between the government and purchaser that the exact quantity of stamps sold was not to be made known. This was considered an important condition of the sale, and he understood that it was a condition that would be insisted upon by any purchaser who entered into business negotiations of this character.

In reply to the question as to whether any stamps remained unsold, he would say there was none so far as he knew. This was all the information in his possession in respect to the sale of the stamps

Dr McKay said that the question asked was whether the province realized the amount of money from these stamps that should have been received

Hon Mr. Murray said it was considered a remakably good sale had been made, and he might say to the hon. member that the very people who bought the stamps would be only too glad now to return them and get their money back, as down to the present time they had not relealzed more than than a quarter of the sum that they paid Some vendors in New York and London who were told in confidence of the number of stamps for sale had offered very much less for them than the parties who finally bought them

Dr McKay asked whether if the stamps had been placed upon the market in blocks they could not have been disposed of for a larger sum.

Hon. Mr. Murray said that he no doubt that a larger amount might have been realized for the stamps if they had been put on the market one by one, but he did not think that would have been good policy, and it was a policy he would not like to see the government pursue.

Many of our subscribers and applicants for sample copies, have asked for our price list of stamps, quotations on certain stamps, etc., and we take this opportunity of informing all whom it may concern that we are not in the stamp business, and have nothing to sell, except subscriptions to this paper, advertis ng space therein. We would also ask our readers to apply to any of the dealers advertising with us, when in need of stamps

H. P. M. INTERVIEWS.

[PATENTED.]

No. 1.—J. W. SCOTT. *The Father of Philately.*

Our interviewer found Mr. Scott in his office on John Street, New York, and without further ado put him on his oath. "I swear to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help me fat" After this solemn declaration our representative thought Mr. Scott's veracity could be relied on and proceeded to examine him as follows

"Mr. Scott, when were you born?"

"In the afternoon"

"But the year, Mr Scott, the year?"

"In the year 1845"

"When did you come to America, Mr. Scott?"

"In 1861, when 16 years old"

"You then passed as mining expert, and visited the Rocky Mountains, did you not?"

"Yes, but the climate was too vigorous and the by-laws of the community were unco genial, so I gathered up what scads were available and came east, resolving to go into the stamp business I went to England to get my stock. Business was slow as the foremost philatelists of the days were too busy with the civil war to devote much time to stamps However I engaged a few agents to enlist to the Northern Army and rob Confederate post offices when opportunity favoured, and accumulated quite a stock by this means."

"When did you first retire, Mr Scott?

"In 1866"

"You had a few rocks by that time I presume?"

"Yes, to burn, but owing to an unfortunate speculation I made one day in a bucket shop, I became 'poor but honest,' once more. In 1888 I again started, and have continued ever since"

"I am obliged, Mr. Scott, for the interview and on returning to Halifax, I will endeavour to decipher my shorthand notes. Any drivilling idiocy or erroneous statement you may detect on reading over the write up can safely be blamed on Sir Isaac Pittman and the intelligent compositor."

'Thanks awfully."

THE Eastern Stamps comes to hand, dated December, owing perhaps to its publisher neglecting to provide himself with a new calendar. Its typographical appearance is very good indeed and contents interesting, but we would suggest to Mr. Rugg the advisability of making the paper a little larger—say about four times its present size.

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THE *Canadian Philatelic Magazine* comes along occasionally and we always rush out to meet it at the door. We then carefully place it on our table and gaze at it for hours together for it is an awful pretty paper. But we never open the magazine nor attempt to look for contents, knowing that it would ill befit us to act the iconoclast, in this regard.

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THE *Philatelic Era* comes regularly to hand, and very excellent it is. Mr. Jewett thoroughly believes in the "*Era*," and we are sure his faith is not misplaced. It is a good thing to have faith in oneself, especially when you can find others to agree with you, and that such is the case with Mr. Jewett we doubt not.

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BUT here we must terminate our reveiw for this present month, for other matters must be touched on, and the delerious joy of commenting on our ever esteemed contemporaries must come to an end.

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EDITORIAL.

THE D. P. A. meeting in the matter of amalgamation after disposing of that momentous question, turned round and announced that on such and such and such a date the poll would close as to which paper would be official organ. This is absurd, but nevertheless true. To endeavour to change the official organship was outside of the power of the meeting. Among other papers, the HALIFAX PHILATELIC MAGAZINE was nominated, but the publishers beg leave to state that they are not competitors in the present case. We are not participating in the dirty piece of work to filch the organship from Mr. Beatty's *Ontario Philatelist* and give it to a Toronto paper. At the next annual election, we may accept a nomination as official organ, but will not stoop to trickery and illegal means to gain our ends. In the language of to-day, "we don't have to."

VERILY, the way of the transgressor is hard. We read in the *Post Office* that a boy in far off Australia met a horrible death lately by the explosion of a gun. It is related toward the end of the account that the lad had a short while before his aforesaid horrible death "swiped" some stamps, and committed one or two other misdeeds of a philatelic nature. All of which goes to show that the *Post Office* is mighty hard up for reading matter.

IT is rumored that Mr. Patterson, ex-secretary of the D. P. A. will participate in the C. P. A. movement. This is to be regretted from a D. P. A. standpoint, as Mr. Patterson is a man of considerable importance in things philatelic and a valuable friend to any society.

THE Editor extends his thanks to those who have in many little ways made the burden of journalistic life more easily borne, and would feel obliged for reports of philatelic happenings and any matter of a philatelic nature, which will be very thankfully received.

WITH the coming spring, the society candidate cometh, and it is well. The names of candidates will now be mooted, and calls will be made to the *loyal* members as of yore. Without being politicians ourselves, we appreciate the relaxation, for the "Scott's Catalogue" *Philatelic Era* will be laid aside for the pleasures of a red-hot campaign, with all the interesting personalities, recriminations, amenities, etc., etc., appertaining thereto. It had been said that "a candidate is the noblest work of God;" therefore let us all look over the candidates, and if one shall please us, let us call him one of America's foremost philatelists, but if one shall not please us, let us soak him in the neck, for it doesn't amount to a row of beans, it's only a sham battle after all. Nothing will be hurt but people's feeling, and feelings are considered *outre* and objectionable in these civilized times.

Weldon Funks.

The alleged President fails to come to time with Mr. Patterson.

IT will be remembered that last month Mr. Patterson challenged Mr. J. E. Weldon to substantiate some charges made in re proxies at the late D. P. A. convention. In a late *Philatelic Era* the latter patches us a few flimsy excuses about not wishing to impose on the public any remaks on a personal matter! And thus is Mr. Patterson vindicated and the detractions exposed as falsehoods. Of those who fabricated the falsehoods we leave the members to judge.

D. P. A.'s Shame.

IT is reported that the *Philatelic Canadian*, published by Walter McMahon at Toronto, is now the official organ of the D. P. A. Walter McMahon holds no office in the D. P. A. but he *owns* our jumping-Jack President, therefore is boss. These "tin-gods" as Mr. Patterson very aptly terms them, are amusing, but some day the members will get up on their hind feet and deface them.

John K. Tiffany Dead

A DESPATCH to the daily press announces the death at St. Louis, of John K. Tiffany, on the 3rd inst. He was considered America's greatest philatelist.

LITERARY NOTES.

WHAT a wealth of stamp papers we have in Canada to-day. No less then seven; which of us shall die first, our brothers. This is an unpleasant thought, but pertinent we think, for Canada cannot support seven stamp papers at a time, and in all probability half of our noble band will be no more by 1898.

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THE *Columbian Philatelist* looks prosperous with its fifteen pages of advertisements. Verily the ad. is an important thing to the stamp paper, and Mr. Dodge probably realises that man cannot live by Horlick's malted milk alone, although his fondness for that beverage is acknowledged.

OUR OMNIUM GATHERUM.

We await with interest the outcome of the reorganization of the C P A. under the able command of Mr. Ernest F. Wurtele. We sincerely hope this attempt will be more successful than previous ones. We strongly believe in the efficacy of low dues, and unpaid service on the part of officers, but Mr Wurtele is an experienced man, and a very prominent collector, and since he has espoused the cause of high dues and exclusiveness, we await with interest the outcome of the matter. We extend our heartiest goodwill to the Canadian Philatelic Association and its gallant President

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Collectors should steer clear of the Nova Scotia remainders. It looks a little fishy that the men composing the syndicate refuse to shed one ray of light on the situation. It is generally taken as correct that some 40,000 each of the 1c, 2c, 8½c and 10c were discovered, and some 10,000 of the 12½c denomination A close parallel may be drawn between the actions of the Sugar Trust under the Lexow investigation and our own philatelic syndicate. It is not too much to assume that both are inimical to the public welfare Our advice is to purchase Nova Scotia cent issue in used condition only.

And here comes *The Funny Foolatelist*. It is intentionally ridiculous, and is put out as the forerunner of a paper to be called *Philatelic Punch*. Under able and experienced management, we have no doubt but that a philatelic paper devoted entirely to humor could be made a success, and it now remains to be seen whether Messrs. Adair and Page have the necessary qualifications. We wish them all success, and hope that *Philatelic Punch* will have a long life; that it will have a merry one is evident.

Mr Dodge of the *Columbian Philatelist* says we devote too much space to *politics!* No doubt others are better judges in this regard than ourselves, but where do you find the politics our fearless and independent friend? Can it be that society happenings and events are classed under that dread term? Perhaps the quotation from Premier Laurier which appeared in our first number is referred to? In any case, explain your meaning, Mr. Dodge, for we would hate to think that the little roast you give us is part and parcel of your "fearless and independent" bill of fare, which makes it necessary to say things unpleasant or remain undeclared.

In the *Philatelic Era*, that funny Mr Weldon (under the *nom de plume* of "Jasper"), states that the *Philatelic Canadian* is the best paper in Canada. There *are* some funny things in this world The latest copy of this *Philatelic Canadian* is on our table as we write, and has *five and a half* pages of reading matter, But, and a very important but to be sure, after careful analysis, we are lead to believe that considerable of this reading matter is from the pen of Mr. Weldon. This of course is why it is Canada's leading stamp paper. The remainder of the paper consists of an article on "Advertising" (adapted be imagine from a well known publication), also a poem (!) entitled "My Stamps," and some editorial effusions. Thus, the *Philatelic Canadian*, published by Toronto's heavyweight, Walter McMahon Canada's leading stamp paper— our sincere sympathy to the Dominion of Canada. We shed the scalding.

APROPOS to Canadian stamp papers, and to give honor where it is due, we append below a statement showing the number of columns of reading matter given thus far in 1897 by the stamp papers in Canada Up to the time of going to press, several papers have not yet issued their February numbers but this, of course is their own fault. Here is the statement:

Philatelic Advocate	32 columns.
Halifax Philatelic Magazine	29 "
Ontario Philatelist	14 "
Philatelic Canadian	11 "
Canadian Philatelic Magazine	10 "

Quality of matter is not considered in the above, but the public are the best judges, so we leave it as it stands So far as subscription prices are concerned these are as follows:

Philatelic Advocate	25 cents.
Stamp Lore	25 "
Canadian Philatelic Magazine	25 "
Philatelic Canadian	25 "
Ontario Philatelist	20 "
Halifax Philatelic Magazine	15 "

MR. JOHN R HOOPER, the once famous collector, solicits copies of philatelic papers He writes that they serve to while away many a weary hour. Surely we should listen kindly to such an appeal, coming from a person once so eminent, now unfortunately fallen. He may be addressed care of Rev. Canon Rollitt, St. Vincent de Paul, Quebec. When Mr. Hooper reads these lines, he will know that we have placed his name on our subscription list for a complimentary subscription.

VERILY one must know how to spell to be a German! In looking over the tables of technical terms translated into the various languages in our catalogue the other day, we came across a few German words that for lineal dimensions might fairly be called "staggerers." Thus for "perce en arc," the Dutchman must write Bogenformigdurchstochen; "perforation guage" is rendered Zahnungsmesser; and "average specimen" is given the euphonious name of Durchschnittsexemplar Well, there are some advantages in speaking the English language after all!

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Same, 1880 issue	20 00
UNITED STATES REVENUES—	
Life Insurance, 25c perf.	20
Bond, 25c part perf., fine copies	60
Protest, 25c perf	35
Warehouse Receipt, 25c unperf	1 10
perf	55
U. L. Revenues, perf	30
*Power of Attorney, 25c unused	10
*Certificate, 25c	10
*25c 2nd issue	10
$1 Power of Attorney, unperf	65
$1 Mortgage, unperf	80
25c Protest, unperf	90
UNITED STATES POSTAGE—	
1847. 5c brown (orig cov. 60c)	$0 50
10c black, Washington	2 80
1851. 10c green	80
1855. 5c brown, type II	1 50
5c red, type I	4 50
10c green	27
1861. 24c unused, og	2 50
10c green	8
10c green, unused	1 25
30c orange	40
90c blue	3 05
4c brown	40
1862. 2c Jackson, unused	50
1c blue, grilled	06
1c black, "	20
10c green "	15
1869. 1c buff	58

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	2c green	12c	8c
	3c blue	6c	3c
1887.	½c red	6c	4c
	1c green	3c	1c
	2c orange	4c	2c
	3c brown	4c	3c
	5c blue	4c	2c
	10c black	15c	9c
1890.	6c pink	12c	6c
	3c slate	3c	1c

Prices are for better specimens than you would buy from Scott at catalogue.

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